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2 m

2012 PreAP Energy 5

1. Once again, Slim Jim helps us by lifting an object. Thanks, Jim!

- Obviously the object is moving up so that d is a + value.
- A. * Since Jim's force is +, is this + or W done by Jim?
- B. * Since gravity pulls down, is $W_{gravity}$ + or -?
- C. Is the change of potential energy (ΔPE or ΔU) + or –?
- D. * So if W_{gravity} were +, the ΔU would be: + or -?
- E. Calculate the work done by gravity on the object.

(College textbooks use U for PE, K for KE, and E for total energy.) Whenever there is potential energy, the ΔU always = -W done by the force that gives the potential energy. The force only does + W when it gives K. When an object falls, ΔU is -, ΔW is +, and ΔK is +. This is true for gravity and for springs. So, $\Delta U_{gravitational} = -W_{gravity}$ and $\Delta U_{elastic} = -W_{spring}$

- 2. Use the pendulum at the left to answer the following.
 - A. What kind of energy does it have at M?
 - B. What kind of energy does it have at N?
 - C. If it has 100 J of energy at M, how much energy does it have at N?
 - D. How does the total energy change as the pendulum swings?
- 3. Use the diagram at the right to answer the following.

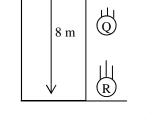
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A. Calculate the object's energy at the top.

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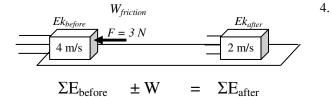
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- B. How much kinetic energy does it have at the bottom?
- C. How much potential energy does it have half way down?
- D. Calculate its velocity just before it hits the ground.

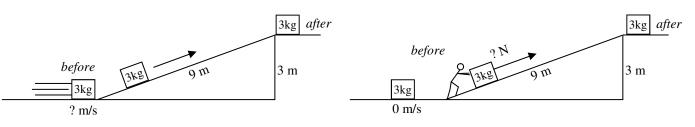


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m = 2 kg

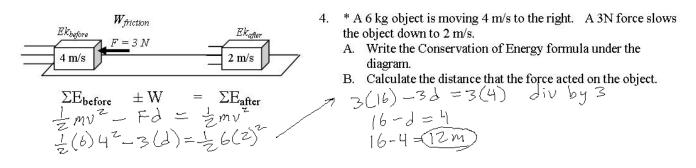


- * A 6 kg object is moving 4 m/s to the right. A 3N force slows the object down to 2 m/s.
 - A. Write the Conservation of Energy formula under the diagram.
- B. Calculate the distance that the force acted on the object.
- 5. To simplify our discussion, let's assume the ramp is frictionless, but that Slim Jim can still apply a force. A. Calculate the energy of the object at the top of each ramp.
 - B. In which example (left or right) is work done?



- C. *Use the same process as above to calculate the velocity of the object at the bottom of the left ramp.
- D. *Calculate the magnitude of Jim's force as he pushes

- 1A: + (adds E to the object)
- 1B: (imagine an object rolling up a hill, it slows down because gravity does W, slowing the object)
- 1D: (so the object is losing PE and gaining KE)



Q5C: 7.75 m/s Q5D: 10 N

Q7E: 130.6 N/m